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**New Topics**

**Philosophy, Psychology and Ethics**

**Ethics: Religious aspects**

This topic looks at the views of the major world religions on various ethical issues. After a general overview, Buddhist, Christian, Hindi, Muslim and Jewish responses are considered. Materials for classroom use are listed at the end.

**World Literature**

**Shakespeare, William: Macbeth, Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet**

This term there are three new topics concentrating on Shakespearean tragedies. Each topic is assembled in a similar fashion, with the major areas covered being a general overview, online texts of each play, synopses, literary analyses and criticism, character studies, themes, the cultural context, film adaptations and the sources of the plays. Teachers will find a wide variety of resources suitable for classroom use in the final sections.



*Romeo and Juliet with Friar Lawrence (H.W. Bunbury)*

**Textiles: Environmental aspects**

How many of us have ever stopped to think how environmentally unfriendly our choices in clothing are? This topic explores the processes required to transform fibres into textiles for use in our homes and on our bodies. After a general section examining the sustainability of the textile industry, specific fibres are highlighted: cotton, flax/linen, hemp, silk and wool. A section on various textiles finishes follows and then particular attention is given to denim processing, the most environmentally unfriendly fabric of all. Teachers can find teaching resources at the end.

**Arts, Music and Sports**

**Musicology**

Music plays a significant place in our contemporary society, and marketing it has become a multimillion dollar industry. This topic explores how music is marketed, and how the industry is undermined by music piracy and the breaching of copyright legislation. There is also a section on how music affects our brains, and another on the emerging genre of video game music, its leading composers and how it is beginning to enter the mainstream. Lesson plans and classroom materials are found in the final section.

**Australian Society**

**Australian Political Parties**

In this topic, all of the major political parties in Australia are examined, together with the minor parties and Independent Members of Parliament. A section on elections and voting

complete the coverage of the topic. Lesson plans and activities are available in the final section.

**New sections:**

**Religions**

**Judaism**

Judaism: Semikhah (Rabbinical Ordination)

**Australian Society**

**Australia in the Global Economy**

Australia: Budget 2011

**Languages**

**Japan: Language and Culture**

Japan: Haiku

**Modern World History**

**Cultural and Racial Conflicts**

Just War Theory  
Argentina: Falklands War  
Ethiopia-Eritrea Conflict  
Somalia: Civil War

**Geography**

**Developing Countries**

Developing countries: Employment conditions

**Ancient and Medieval History**

**Japan, Medieval**

Japan, Medieval: Poetry

**Modern European History**

**Russian Revolution**

Russian Revolution of 1905